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**Alaska Division of Elections Encourages Eligible But Unregistered
Voters to Participate in the Electoral Process**

Deadline to register for the November General Election is Sunday, October 9, 2016

(Juneau) - Eligible Alaska residents who have not yet registered to vote will receive a courtesy postcard this week from the Alaska Division of Elections. The outreach coincides with National Voter Registration Day on September 27, 2016.

The postcard mailing is part of Alaska's new membership with the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC). Alaska's participation was made possible when the Alaska Legislature approved SB 9, a bill allowing the state's Division of Elections to join the nonprofit organization whose mission is to assist states with improving the accuracy of America's voter rolls and increasing voter registration.

"We are firmly committed to seeing that all eligible Alaskans have a meaningful opportunity to participate in our democracy," said Lt. Governor Byron Mallott, who oversees elections as part of his duties.

The postcards will inform recipients of the methods and deadlines related to voter registration including guidance towards the division's online voter registration site <https://voterregistration.alaska.gov>.

"ERIC allows for the timely removal of voters registering in another member state, increases voter registration and ensure accurate voter registration rolls are maintained," said Elections Director, Josie Bahnke.

All 21 ERIC member states agree to reach out to potentially eligible, but unregistered citizens, before federal general elections. The deadline for Alaskans to register for the November general election is Sunday, October 9, 2016.

The postcard mailing, paid in part by a grant from the Pew Charitable Trusts, will be sent to eligible Alaskans who are not registered to vote.

For further information about registering to vote call the Division of Elections toll-free at 1-844-465-4611 (or in Juneau at 465-4611).

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